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SUBJECT: GTMO DETAINEE RETURN TO CHAD?

REF: SARDAR EMAIL 11/07/08

Classified By: DCM REGribbin for reasons 1.4 b&d

[¶1.](#) (S/NF). Summary. Post believes that the question of returning a Chadian from GTMO to Ndjamena needs to be fully coordinated inter-agency and with some thought for the consequences in terms expanding the terrorist threat aimed at Americans in Chad. On the basis of information available to us now, we do not believe that a return would be wise. End Summary.

[¶2.](#) (S/NF) There have been several exchanges of information between ADCM Gribbin and desk officer Sardar regarding a possible return. Post advised its view that the GOC would not be able to incarcerate or monitor an individual in accordance with American standards and requirements, and that his running loose here would augment the terrorist threat. In an email dated Nov. 7, we were advised that the USG would not ask that the returnee be incarcerated, but if he were to return would he be mistreated by the GOC? Prior to responding to that query, the post asks that the entire issue of a possible return to Chad of a detainee from GTMO be moved into front channels and coordinated with DOD, CIA and FBI, all of which appear to be players regarding the topic.

[¶3.](#) (S/NF) Station advises the view from GTMO that this detainee "poses a high risk to the United States, its interests and its allies." The Chadian milieu into which he might enter already contains others who menace us in a serious fashion. We reiterate that on the basis of what we know, a return would be unwise.

[¶4.](#) (S/NF) Note that the post has had no recent contact with the Government of Chad on this issue. Let's not move forward hastily, but rather ensure that the USG position is fully coordinated.

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